

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 5, 7 to 17 and 20 to 25 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend the remaining claims, as follows:

1. to 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, of supplying liquid to be applied by a liquid applicator having a liquid ejection section, from a liquid supply member arranged in a liquid supply section to said liquid ejection section,

said liquid ejection section having a plurality of sets of a liquid ejecting nozzle, a liquid containing section communicating with the liquid ejecting nozzle and a supply port for supplying liquid to the liquid containing section,

said liquid supply member and/or said liquid ejection section being provided with an information recording body storing information, and wherein said liquid supply member comprises a well plate depot for receiving a plurality of well plates, each carrying a plurality of wells formed therein, that can store different types of liquid and each of the members is provided with an information recording body containing at least information indicating that it is a liquid supplying side, information specifying a region for the liquid containing sections and information indicating the time limit of use and the authorized number of times of supply of liquid contained in said liquid supply member,

said method comprising:

reading said information; and

supplying liquid to be applied from said liquid supply member to said liquid containing sections by way of said supply ports according to said information

7. to 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A liquid ~~An~~-applicator according to claim 11,  
comprising:

a liquid ejection section having a plurality of sets of a liquid ejecting nozzle  
adapted to eject liquid onto a medium, a liquid containing section communicating with the  
liquid ejecting nozzle and a supply port for supplying liquid to the liquid containing  
section;

a liquid supply section having a liquid supply member arranged therein to  
store liquid to be applied and adapted to supply liquid to said liquid containing sections by  
way of the supply ports;

an information recording body arranged at the liquid ejection section and/or  
the liquid supply member of the liquid supply section; and

an information reading device adapted to read information recorded in the  
information recording body.

wherein said liquid supply member comprises a well plate depot for  
receiving a plurality of well plates, each carrying a plurality of wells formed therein, that  
can store different types of liquid and each of the members is provided with an information  
recording body containing at least information indicating that it is a liquid supplying side,  
information specifying a region for the liquid containing sections and information  
indicating the time limit of use and the authorized number of times of supply of liquid  
contained in said liquid supply member.

19. (Original) An applicator according to claim 18, further comprising a

memory section storing the number of times of liquid supply of each of said wells of said well plates.

20. to 25. (Cancelled)

Please add Claim 26, as follows:

26. (New) A method of supplying liquid to be applied by a liquid applicator having a liquid ejection section, from a liquid supply section to said liquid ejection section,

said liquid ejection section having a plurality of sets of at least a liquid ejecting nozzle, a liquid containing section communicating with the liquid ejecting nozzle and a supply port for supplying liquid to the liquid containing section,

said liquid supply section having a plurality of holding sections for holding different types of liquid and an information recording body storing information,

said information recording body being provided with information relating to at least information indicating that it is a liquid supplying side, information specifying a region of the liquid ejection section, and information indicating the time limit of use and the authorized number of times of supply of liquid contained in said liquid supply section,

said method comprising:

reading said information; and

supplying liquid to be applied from said liquid supply section to said liquid ejection section by way of said supply ports according to said information.